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Congress of the United States

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REGARDING: PR DOCKET 92-235

Honorable Jay Inslee  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Inslee:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is P R Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

I own over 10 pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. The models I build weigh as much as 4 to 7 pounds and operate at over 100 M.P.H. Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable. I am told of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operations and by standers and the protection of property. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers.

The models themselves are expensive to build, more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of spectators and operators are present.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely

*Harold McKay*  
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AMA Chapter 688

January 28, 1993

The Honorable Jay Insley  
U. S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D. C., 20515

Dear Mr. Insley,

I am a retired member of the USAF and derive many hours of enjoyment from building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am active in the local "Red Apple Flyers" model airplane club whose members have joined together to enhance their hobby and to provide a safe environment in which to enjoy it.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that I've been informed are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attending liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However our radio control frequencies in this band are presently far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our models under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders as well as the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. **They are not toys.** The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate and spectators abound. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is prudent for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me and the other modelers continue the safe enjoyment of their pastime by not allowing the FCC to implement its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. M. Strawn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. M. Strawn  
210 South Iowa  
East Wenatchee, Wa. 98802

January 28, 1993

Thomas D. Keilman  
9321 Naples  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

RE: Federal Communications Commission  
Notice of Proposed Rule Making  
(NPRM-PR Docket 92-235)

Dear Mr. Inslee,

I am writing you to express concern over the above proposed change issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). For simplicity, I will refer to this as "92-235".

92-235 proposes, among other things to permit additional radio frequency use in the 72MHz and 75MHz area. These frequencies are very close to those presently used, and assigned to the Model Aviation hobby. These frequencies are used for remote control, or radio controlled model airplanes.

Obviously, the assigning of what have previously been "hobby" frequencies, to other unrelated uses will have serious repercussions on the hobby. Without becoming too technical, 92-235 allows frequencies very close to those currently in use by our hobby. For example, the hobby uses 72.070 and one of the new proposed frequencies is 72.0725. This is only .0025MHz difference and will allow use of a radio transmitter nearly four times as powerful. It is my understanding the legal technical tolerance for these new frequencies could allow a complete overlap with frequencies now used. These new frequencies are to be allowed for radio communications purposes, and will be further complicated by that fact that they will be mobile. These mobile radio transmitters. on such close frequencies. would be unpredictable

others.

-The hobby does not present a major health or environmental

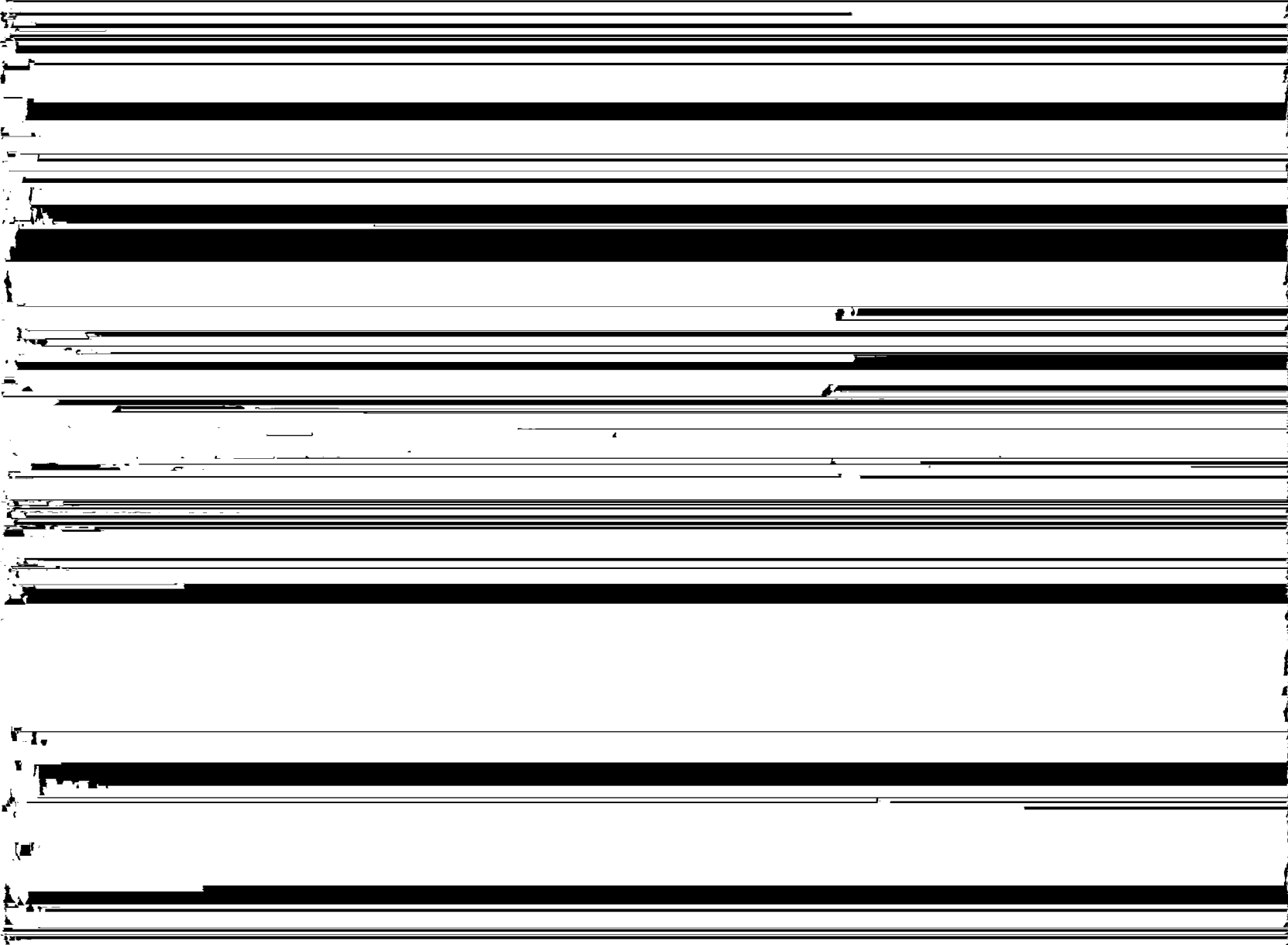
January 31, 1993

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
The House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Inslee;

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from building and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am also active in a local club whose members value the same benefits. For these reasons I am very concerned about proposed rules currently under





significantly decreased. We need the the full complement of radio frequencies in order to maintain a safe flying environment.

I object to the FCC proposal that seeks to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. Beside the considerable investment I have in models and radio equipment, the hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to me and thousands of others as well.

I am requesting your assistance to defeat the FCC proposal to modify use of the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

*A.E. Way Jr.*

A. E. Way Jr.  
4928 Bluff Dr. N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
U. S. House of Reps.  
Washington, DC 20515

January 28, 1993

Dear Mr. Inslee:

I am an engineer by profession and an active member in a local model airplane club whose members enjoy building and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am writing this letter because I am concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proposed rule proceeding is designated as PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. In addition, my radio control equipment, which represents a modest financial investment, could become unusable.

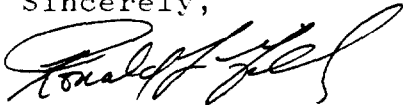
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The FCC now wants to create more land mobile frequencies by

I think it is unwise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as an important business as users of land mobile radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio control equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to many thousands of people, especially senior citizens like myself, and it contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me safeguard my modest investment in my hobby and continue to enjoy my pastime in safety by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald L. Gibby".

Ronald L. Gibby  
1453 Arbor  
Richland, WA 99352

R I C H L A N D, W A.

January 30. 1993

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Wash D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy building and operating radio airplanes.

I am concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The rule change is P R docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

I own 5 radio transmitters, and 5 receivers, 4 of each will become unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. Most models I build weigh from 4-10 pounds and operate at over 100 M.P.H. Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and most model frequencies will become unusable. I am told of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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